

**Minutes of the 30th annual session, of the Chestatee Baptist Association
: held with the Yahoola church, Lumpkin County, Ga., Oct. 17th,
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MINUTES

OF THE

30TH ANNUAL SESSION,

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J. W. WOODWARD, Proprietor Signal Office.

PROCEEDINGS:

1. According to appointment the Chestatee Association met to day, and at 11. o'clock A. M., Elder Martin Free preached the introductory sermon, from the 1st Epistle of John. 4th Chapt, and 11 verse; the Delegates then met in the house and were called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. W. Hughes.

2. Read Letters from 18 Churches and enrolled Delegates names.

3. Opened the way for reception of Churches, into our union, when Hightower applied by letter, and delegates, which was cordially received. Also Concord of Fannin co., was received.

4. Re-elected Wm. Pruett Moderator and H. G. King Clerk.

5. Invited visiting Ministers, not Messengers, to seats with us, accepted by J. J. Stargell, T. J. Holden, R. C. Wootten, J. M. McBayer.

6. Called for correspondence from sisters associations, and received from Hightower by her messenger, A. W. Richards, a package of minutes. No Letter. From Clarksville by C. W. Ash, their messenger. From Notly River J. B. Christopher, their messenger. From the mountain, a package of minutes, no messenger.

7. Appointed Committees as follows: On preaching, L. Spivey, J. R. Blackwell, M. Lance, J. Hood, J. L. England. On Finance, J. Seabolt and J. Simmons. On Deceased Members, B. Cerby and J. W. Hughes. On Arrangement, M. Free, M. M. Roberts, B. Cerby, with the Moderator and Clerk.

8. Omitted appointing a committee on Sabbath Schools, upon the grounds, we don't think we have any right to have them published in our minutes—not that we oppose Sabbath Schools.

9. Adjourned till 9 o'clock, Monday Morning. Prayer by Elder J. F. Holden.

10. Sabbath, the stand was occupied by J. F. Holden, J. K. Cowen, B. Cerby and Wm. Pruett, to a large and well order-

ed Congregation and we trust with good affect.

11. Monday Morning, met pursuant to Adjournment—Prayer by Elder J. M. Blackwell.

12. Called for the report of the Arranging Committee which was read and received—Committee Discharged.

13. Renewed the call for correspondence.

14. Renewed the call for transient ministers. Excepted by T. Postelle.

15. Called the roll.

16. Called for the Circular Letter, prepared by Elder J. M. Blackwell, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, which was received, but give our advice that they are matters of Churches and Communities and not with Associations, and as such, we recommend Sabbath Schools.

17. Read the Rules of Decorum.

18. Appointed Correspondence to sister Associations To the Hightower, which is to Convene with the Bethany Church, Commencing on Friday before the Second Sabbath in August, next, Messengers J. M. Blackwell, J. Etres, J. L. Wehunt; Toccoa, Commencing with the Antioch Church two miles south of Morganton, on Friday, before the 1st Sabbath in September, Messengers, J. Cochran, R. Presly; Little River commencing on Saturday before the third Sabbath in August next, Messenger, Wm. Pruett, J. Barnes, E. C. Barnes; Chattahoochee, commencing on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, next, Messengers, J. R. Blackwell, W. Staton, W. C. Pitner; Clarksville, commencing with the Sardis Church White Co., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August next, six miles east of Cleveland, Messengers S. Gouch, A. Wofford, E. J. Ferguson; Mountian, commencing on Friday before third Sabbath in August, Messengers L. Spivey, J. W. Brown, B. Cerby; Nelly River, eight miles west of Blairsville, Messengers, J. W. Hughes, J. Seabolt, M. M. Roberts, M. Brookshear, H. Ingram, J. G. Jarrard,

19. *Resolved*, that we request the Associations to receive our messengers into their several bodies by their presenting a copy of these minutes.

20. Answered a query from the New Bethel Church—query, has the church a right to bring in question one of her members, for their political sentiment, or for enjoying the liberty of any other organization that does not effect their christian moral—Answer, No.

21. Called for the report of deceased members, which is as follows: Your committee on deceased members beg leave to make the following reports: Since our last session Zion Church has lost one of her members, old father David Jarrard, aged 88

... he professed religion in his early age but never joined the church till a few years before his death; he died in the full triumph of a living faith. Also, Mount Pleasant Church has lost one of her members old sister McKinney, aged 83 years—lived in the church 40 years and was a pious and good member all her days; Also Tesentee Church has lost one of her members, sister Mary Etris, aged 62 years, lived in the church 22 years a good and pious member all her life. We sympathize with their friends but believing our loss is their great gain.

B. KERBY, Chairman.

22. Appointing union meetings for section 1st at Bethlehem, Hall, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August next, to be attended by D. S. McCurry, E. J. Ferguson; for section 2nd at Faders creek commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in September next, to be attended, by Wm. Pruett, J. W. Hughes; for section 3rd at Bethlehem, Lumpkin, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August next to be attended by J. M. McBrayer, Wm. Pruett.

23. Appointed the next session of this body to be with the Niblewill Church 11 miles northwest of Dahlonega commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1869. Appointed J. W. Hughes to preach the next Introductory Sermon and Baily Kerby, to be his Alternate.

24. Called on the Finance Committee who report 30 dollars and 36 cents. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of 600 copies of these minutes and that he retain 5 dollars for his services.

25. *Resolved* that we tender our thanks to the Yahoola Church and the vicinity around her, for her kind hospitality in entertaining this body, while in session.

After an interesting exertation by Elder M. Free and Prayer by Elder M. M. Roberts.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM PRUETT, M. D.

H. G. KING, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER :

The Chestatee Baptist Association to the Churches of which she is Composed—Greeting.

Beloved Brethren :—We address you in our circular this year on the subject of Sabbath Schools. The word of God enjoins it upon parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The inspired writer says. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," Prov. 22d and 6. This injunction is upon all parents in every age or dispensation. One of the great commandment is : "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." As we are required to keep the Sabbath holy, is it not our duty as parents to see that our children violate not this great commandment, and, also, to give them daily instruction in regard to the holy scripture, and also to educate our children so as they may be enabled to read for themselves the word of truth. Brethren, as it has been the will of our Heavenly Father to scourge our country with the depravities of a bloody war on account of which literature and good morals have been greatly impaired, we deem it our duty to recommend as an alternative for the deprivation of the times, Sabbath Schools, as we have already experienced much and lasting good which has derived therefrom, as under the present circumstances the poor of our country has become numerous. State funds have exhausted rendering it impossible for the poor of our country to acquire an education unless partly assisted by Sabbath Schools. We further see that the intelligent baptist of our day recommend Sabbath Schools in their bounds. From the Chattahoochee Association we read the following. "We find upon enquiry that there is but six Sabbath Schools in the churches composing this body. We find that there is no poor school funds in the counties which our churches are located and that there is a vast number of orphan children and poor children in our bounds who are likely to be raised without education unless educated in part by Sabbath Schools." We also see in the minutes of the Hightower Association that they recommend a Sabbath School in every church in their body from which we can clearly ascertain the judgment of that body. We are grateful to ascertain that there are already interesting and

Well ordered Sabbath Schools in this section of country Thousands of verses of scripture have been memorized by these Sabbath School scholars during the past season.

Dear brethren, as we think this to be one of the great institutions of the day, not claiming it to be any part of the church but an auxillary to the church in preparing material for it, as the Saviour said. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Paul says relative to the same subject in writing to a young Timothy, where he commended his parents for their having properly trained him in his childhood. "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which is able to make the wise unto salvation through faith, that is in Christ Jesus." We believe that Timothy's parents had instructed him, sabbath after sabbath, in the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. With these considerations is it not our duty as brethren and as christians to recommend every church in this association to establish sabbath schools, and encourage our children to engage therein, and should we not as parents meet with them there and instruct them in all biblical knowledge. How beautiful to see the youths of our country engage, sabbath after sabbath, reading the bible asking and answering scriptural questions bringing the young and tender minds to the proper channel of scriptural truths.

Dear Brethren ; as the limits of a circular is not comprehensive enough to give a full detail of this important subject, we submit to you the above.

May the great head of the church ever lead, guide, and direct you, is our prayer. Amen.

J. M. BLACKWELL.

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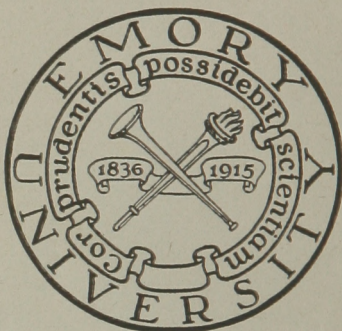
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